IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA NEWNAN DIVISION

IN RE:) Chapter	11
MY KIDZ DENTIST, P.C.) Case Nos) and 19-1	s. 19-12506, 19-12507 12508
	, ,	Administered Under . 19-12506-WHD

MOTION TO APPOINT CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE OR EXAMINER AND REQUEST FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Comes now Community Bank of Pickens County ("Movant"), secured creditor and Movant herein, and pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 1104, respectfully requests that this Court schedule an evidentiary hearing and, based on the evidence in this matter, enter an Order appointing a Chapter 11 Trustee or an Examiner, and in support thereof, respectfully provides as follows:

1.

Debtors filed their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases on December 13, 2019 (the "Petition Date") which are jointly administered by ordered dated January 27, 2020 [Doc 68].

2.

Since the filing of the cases, Debtors have continued in possession of their property and operation of the businesses as Debtors in Possession ("DIP") in accordance with 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107(a) and 1108. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2)(A). Debtors' businesses are pediatric dental practices that serve, among other patients, special needs children.

Relevant Facts

3.

Movant is a secured creditor holding two SBA backed loans secured by the business assets of two of the Debtors, My Kidz Dentist, P.C.'s ("My Kidz Newnan") and My Kidz Dentist of Carrollton, LLC's ("Carrollton"), including, but not limited to, accounts, equipment, inventory, furniture, and fixtures. The amounts owed to Movant at the time of Debtors' bankruptcy filings were \$596,152.86 and \$535,776.73 with interest continuing to accrue.

4.

Prior to the Debtors' filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, Movant obtained a Consent Judgment dated November 14, 2019, and a Consent Order for Writ of Possession and Turnover Order dated December 4, 2019, copies of which are attached to Movant's proofs of claim filed in the lead case [Claims Nos. 5 and 6] and in the Carrollton case [Claims No. 1 and 2].

5.

Movant has learned after the Petition Date that the Debtors had entered a Consent Order around November 1, 2019 with another creditor, Viva Capital Funding, LLC ("Viva"), that was factoring Debtors' accounts receivables. When Debtors failed to comply with the Consent Order, Viva obtained a Contempt Order dated December 5, 2019 against the Debtors.

6.

Movant has further learned after the Petition Date that Debtors had taken out several short term, high interest rate loans to try to cover costs and expenses, while at the

same time paying Dr. Lorna Bibbs who owns 100% of the shares of the Debtors, a monthly salary of approximately \$20,000.00. Dr. Bibbs claims that she wasn't paid her monthly salary in October or November 2019.

7.

Movant further learned after the Petition Date that Debtors and Dr. Bibbs had entered a Settlement Agreement in June 2018 with creditor Avesis Incorporated to repay what was originally an overpayment to Debtors for dental services billed to insurance in the amount of \$577,454.00 which had been reduced to approximately \$195,923 at the Petition Date. Consent Orders have been entered in the respective bankruptcy cases between the parties to allow continued recoupment of the insurance overpayments.

8.

At the 341 meeting of creditors for all Defendants held on January 14, 2020, Dr. Bibb's testimony was not clear about what had happened to the Debtors' accounts receivable between the date of the Viva Consent Order on November 1, 2019 and the Petition Date after several attempts to elicit the specific information. The testimony raises issues about where the proceeds from the services of Debtors' practices were being deposited and to and by whom they were disbursed during that period of time. This is the same period of time that Dr. Bibbs testifies she wasn't paid any salary, but that she had personal bank accounts at the same banks as the practices and failed to confirm in her testimony that the proceeds were deposited in the Debtors' bank accounts.

9.

Dr. Bibbs also testified at the 341 meeting of creditors that for almost a year, while she was handling an injury and personal business outside of the practices, she put a

business manager in place who did not keep her informed about the financial difficulties the practices were having and who is responsible for taking out multiple short term loans with high interest rates without Dr. Bibbs' knowledge to cover the shortfalls.

10.

Even when Dr. Bibbs discovered the account insufficiencies in February 2019, instead of explaining to all creditors the problems and negotiating with the creditors, she chose to tell each creditor that she was in the process of selling her practices to pay the creditor's obligation in full, which Movant heard as far back as February 2019. Movant was not aware of and was not told about the multiple short-term loans and the factoring of accounts receivable on which Movant already had a lien.

11.

The timing of Debtors' Chapter 11 filings appears to be in large part to thwart

Movant's and other creditors legitimate collection efforts while Debtors continue to control
and disburse Movant's and other creditors cash collateral. It appears that just prior to the
bankruptcy filings, counsel for Viva had been demanding that Debtors comply with a

Contempt Order regarding the accounts receivable by requiring that Debtors turn over the
excess accounts receivable to Viva.

12.

Since the Petition Date, Debtors have entered into two interim cash collateral orders, the second of which [Doc 80] requires copies of the weekly printouts of the DIP accounts to be provided to the secured creditors listed and the U.S. Trustee's counsel on Friday which should have started on January 31, 2020 (para. (k), page 4). As of the date of filing this Motion, Movant has not received any printouts.

13.

The second interim cash collateral order show significant reduced monthly income for the Debtors on budgets attached for each location based on what the Debtors' explained were the true net collections versus the billed amounts that were reflected on the budgets attached to the first interim order.

14.

Based on the lack of financial transparency and the history of mismanagement of Debtors' business affairs, Movant is skeptical that the true cash flow for Debtors' practices could lead to a viable reorganization; however, it appears that the cash collateral and business collateral should be supervised more closely on behalf of all of the creditors until such time as a plan can be proposed or a proposed sale approved. A Trustee may also be needed in this case to review any litigation claims against former employees, insiders or for other preferential payments.

15.

In the alternative, Movant requests that the Court consider the appointment of an Examiner to undertake a prompt and impartial investigation into the financial affairs of the Debtors and any mismanagement thereof.

Argument and Citations of Authority

16.

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§1107(a) and 1108, a Debtor in Possession operates a Chapter 11 business as a fiduciary in Chapter 11, subject to restrictions placed on the DIP under the Bankruptcy Code. *See*, 11 U.S.C. §1107. Transactions outside of the ordinary course of business require the approval of the bankruptcy court pursuant to 11 U.S.C.

§ 363(b)(1) and compensation to insiders is generally approved pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503. Debtors' admit that the business accounts have been mismanaged in the past few years and that Debtors have been taking out short term, high interest rate loans and factoring accounts receivable to continue appropriate cash flow; however, Dr. Bibbs testified at the 341 meeting, or failed to testify, what was happening with the business accounts and proceeds during the several months just prior to the bankruptcy filings. While she testified that she was working with creditors to get back try to get back to a good financial position for the practices, the creditors cannot be sure that the expenditures for the last few years are all "ordinary" and "necessary" "business" expenses that are in "good faith", are reasonable, and in the sound business judgment of the Debtors, while the secured creditors haven't been paid in months. See, 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1), See also, In re Pilgrim's Pride Corp., 401 BR 229 (Bankr. ND Tex. 2009); In re Industrial Valley Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Supplies, Inc., 77 BR 15 (Bankr. ED Penn. 1987).

17.

After notice and hearing, the Court shall order the appointment of a Chapter 11 Trustee for cause at any time after the commencement of a case on the request of a party in interest. 11 U.S.C. §1104(a)(1). "Cause" may include incompetence or "gross mismanagement of the affairs of the debtor by current management, either before or after the commencement of the case, or similar cause..." Alternatively, the Court may appoint a Trustee if it is in the interests of creditors. 11 U.S.C. §1104(a)(2).

18.

The decision whether to appoint a trustee is fact intensive and the determination must be made on a case by case basis. *In re: Intercat, Inc.,* 247 B.R. 911, 921 (Bankr. S.D. Ga.

2000). Factors on which the decision to appoint a trustee include: 1) Materiality of the misconduct; 2) Evenhandedness or lack of same in dealings with insiders or affiliated entities vis-à-vis other creditors or customers; 3) The existence of pre-petition voidable preferences or fraudulent transfers; 4) the unwillingness or inability of management to pursue estate causes of action; 5) conflicts of interest on the part of management interfering with its ability to fulfill fiduciary duties to the debtor; and 6) Self-dealing by management or waste or squandering of corporate assets. *Id.* In *Intercat*, the Court found that cause existed for the appointment of a Chapter 11 Trustee because of several factors, including Debtor's manager paying excessive compensation to himself, paying personal expenses with Debtor's proceeds, and other mismanagement of company property for which the manager would be responsible as a fiduciary of the Debtor to aggressively pursue an investigation and prosecute litigation to recover the transactions to himself and related insiders.

19.

The Court in *Intercat* determined that the powers granted to the Trustee could be limited to the financial matters of the Debtor since the managers of the Debtor, while mismanaging the financial affairs, had appropriately run the business affairs. Similarly, in this bankruptcy case, the business appears to be bringing in large receipts that are then being mismanaged and paid out inappropriately. The Court appointed the Trustee in *Intercat* with the limited power to (1) oversee the financial management of the company and (2) investigate and prosecute all estate causes of action, while the managers continued to run the business. *Id.* at 925.

20.

The evidence shows that the Debtors have failed to be transparent to the creditors regarding their use of their business accounts and proceeds, which is Movant's Cash Collateral, have failed to properly manage the business accounts and financial affairs even up to the eve of the Petition Date, have used bankruptcy to stop creditor collection, and have failed to pay legitimate business debt including Movant, all factors which provide a significant basis for "cause" for the appointment of a Chapter 11 Trustee, even if one with limited powers as set forth herein.

21.

Movant has carried its burden of proof, by clear and convincing evidence, that cause exists for the appointment of a trustee and, alternatively, that appointment of a trustee is in the interests of creditors of the estate. 11 U.S.C. §1104. *In re Intercat, Inc.*, supra, *In re Sharon Steel Corp.*, 871 F2d 1217 (3d Cir. 1989); *In re Sullivan*, 108 BR 555, 556 (Bankr. ED Pa. 1989).

22.

In the alternative, Movant requests that this Court consider the appointment of an Examiner to undertake a prompt, impartial investigation into Debtors' business accounts and financial management.

23.

A bankruptcy court shall order the appointment of an examiner "to conduct such an investigation of the debtor as is appropriate, including the investigation of any allegations

of fraud, dishonesty, incompetence, misconduct, mismanagement, or irregularity in the management of the affairs of the debtor of or by current or former management of the debtor if the appointment is in the best interest of creditors, any equity security holders, and other interests of the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 1104(c).

24.

In this case, there is no doubt that there has been mismanagement prior to the bankruptcy filing of Debtors' business affairs that went on for several years. Therefore, an examiner in this case would provide a valuable contribution into the status of the ongoing business, their feasibility of sale or reorganization, and any reporting regarding whether the accounts and proceeds of the Debtors have been or are currently being used improperly or inefficiently.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests that this Court:

- (a) Hold an evidentiary hearing on this Motion;
- (b) Appoint a Chapter 11 Trustee to take control of the Debtor's financial affairs so as to prevent further deterioration of the estate to the detriment of creditors, to marshal all assets for the benefit of creditors, to prevent any loss of potential assets, prosecute all causes of action of the Debtor, and determine the feasibility of a sale of the assets or of proposing a Chapter 11 Plan of reorganization; or
- (c) In the alternative, appoint an Examiner to, among other actions, promptly investigate the financial affairs of the Debtor; and

(d) Grant such other and further relief as to this Court may appear just and appropriate.

This 7th day of February, 2020.

/s/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served upon the following a copy of the foregoing *Community Bank of Pickens County's Motion to Appoint a Chapter 11 Trustee or Examiner and Request for Evidentiary Hearing* by placing a copy of same in the US Mail with sufficient postage affixed thereon to ensure delivery to:

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